

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Dr. Pietro PADOVANI ) Re: Preliminary Amendment  
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Serial No.: Not yet assigned )  
Filed: concurrently herewith )  
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Divisional of USSN 10/077,120 )  
filed on February 14, 2002 ) Our Ref: B-4501DIV 621212-6  
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For: "PROCESS AND PLANT FOR HANDLING)  
THERMOFORMED OBJECTS FOR A )  
SINGLE-STATION THERMOFORMING MACHINE)  
WITH FORM AND CUT MOULD" ) Date: December 11, 2003

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/077,120 filed on February 14, 2002. This paper is being filed as a Preliminary Amendment to the above-identified Application being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as described below. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.